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1. A number of illegal border crossers who had been arrested in the Soviet Zone of Germany and detained for a time in the jail in Zwickau were escorted to the zonal border on the autobahn near Hof (M 51/O 99) by Volkspolizei. Some of them had been arrested on the border of the British Zone of Germany in the area of Helmstedt (M 53/Y 20). While detained in the Zwickau jail they were interrogated by Soviet officers who asked questions concerning locations of occupation troops stationed in the border area or at the border crosser's place of residence, strengths of troop units and their equipment and armament.
2. A border crosser from Berlin who had been arrested by the Volkspolizei on the border of the western sectors of Berlin and taken to Zwickau, was interrogated concerning employees of the refugee office on Cuno Fischerstrasse in Berlin, the strength of the industrial police in the US Sector of Berlin, US-occupied barracks installations in the US Sector of Berlin and places in Berlin where travel permits for the Soviet Zone of Germany can be purchased.
3. A woman border crosser from Goettingen (L 52/C 52), who had lived in Berlin prior to the fall of 1950 when she fled to Goettingen, was arrested near Stendal (M 53/Y 85) while on an illegal trip to the Soviet Zone of Germany. She was taken to the jail in Dresden where she was asked questions similar to those mentioned in para. 2 above, and in addition was also questioned concerning the strength of British troop installations in Goettingen and whether or not industry in Goettingen was producing armament materials.

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